PRESIDENT WALTER RESIGNS.

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HEAD OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD QUITS.

Difference of Opinion Regarding the Man-Reason-The Attack of E. A. Cottler Said to Have Had Some Influence.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.-Alfred Walter, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, who has held that office since July, 1897. resigned to-day. This action is the climax of the troubles that for months have beset the management, if the manner in which the retiring president left the meeting of the board of directors shortly after 2 o'clock, is any indication. The announcement of his resignation and its acceptance fol

lowed a most turbulent session Mr. Walter rushed away from the Lehigh Valley offices and took the next train for New York. He refused to give any reasons for his retirement and referred atl inquiries to Mr. Schappercotter, the general agent. The latter subsequently gave out the following statement:

*Mr. Alfred Walter has resigned as president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to take effect on Nov. 30 inst. Differences of opinion regarding the management of the company are assigned as the

None of the directors would discuss the sudden retirement of their chief. It is known, however, that, while Mr. Walter came to the road as the representative of the Morgan interests, his financial management of the corporation has aroused much opposition, and that trouble at the annual meeting on Jan. 20 was anticipated.

E. A. Cottier, who holds 50,000 shares of the 800,000 that represent the capital of the railroad, has recently made a bitter attack on the Walter management. He alleged that an analysis of the reports of the company showed that while the earnings reached a handsome figure, they were being largely diverted to betterments and the stockholders were being deprived of their dividends.

Mr. Cottier has been urging the stockholders to see that their shares were transferred to their own names so that the minority could gain representation on the board. Apparently his arguments have had some effect as applications for transfers have been numerous of late. The transfer books which close to-morrow and the lively bidding in the exchange to-day for Lehigh Valley shares indicate that some one was strengthening his hand in preparation for a contest.

It was said to-day that the retirement of Mr. Walter was a sop thrown out in the hope of allaying the protests against the present management. A friend of the retiring president said that Walter is not to blame for the financial methods that have made dividends impossible. He pointed out that in almost every one of his annual eports Mr. Walter had urged the stockcolders to provide more capital. It was current report to-day that this would be

done by a new bond issue.

The directors have the right to issue annually \$1,000,000 5 per cent. collateral trust certificates, due May, 1997, until \$15,000,000 have been issued. Up to date \$7,000,000 of these certificates have been authorized.

Edward T. Stotesbury, the direct representative of J. Pierpont Morgan: Beauveau Borie, and George F. Baer, all of whom are leading factors on the board, would not discuss the resignation. Mr. Baer is talked of as Mr. Walter's successor. This would bring the property into closer relations with both the Reading and the Jersey Central.

There is little doubt but that Mr. Walter regards himself as ill-used. He was elected president of the company in 1897 by the interest that financed the concern after buying out the Packer interests. His gift detail was the chief reason for giving

Mr. Walter has been at the head of the lehigh Valley for five years, having been that in charge in 1897 by the interests represented by J. P. Morgan & Co., which had become the dominating element in the

At the local offices of the Lehigh Valley company, 26 Cortlandt street, inquirers about the cause of the resignation were referred to T. W. Hume, the assistant real agent of the company.

Home said of the statement given

t by the officials; "That statement tells all I know; that's Was the disagreement between Mr

"Was the disagreement between Mr. Walter and the board of directors of the company?" was asked.

"That would be naturally so."

"Was it between Mr. Walter and the whole board or between Mr. Walter and a faction in the board?"

"I don't know." I don't know."

I don't know."

Had the resignation anything to do

with the attacks made recently upon the company's management by A. E. Cottler of Philadelphia?"

of Philadelphia?"
"I don't know anything about that."
Two local directors of the Lehigh Valley company, H. McK. Twombly and George F. Baker, declined to make any statement regarding the resignation. The idea prevalled in some railroad quarters that it I ad resulted from a disagreement between Mr. Walter and President George F. Baer of the Reading company. Mr. Baer is a director of the Lehigh Valley.

Mr. Waiter and President George F. Baer of the Regding company. Mr. Baer is a director of the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Baer is a director of the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Baer is a market of the Lehigh Valley in 1872 in 1872 as redman in the engineer corps of the Alleghany Valley road. In 1874 and 1875 he was assistant supervisor of the Pennsylvania Railroad; 1875 to 1878, supervisor of the Northern Central; 1878 to 1881, assistant engineer of the Northern Central; 1881 to 1882, assistant engineer of motive power of the Pennsylvania; 1882 to 1892, general superintendent of the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania; 1889 to 1892, general superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio east of the Ohio River; 1892 to 1894, general intendent of the Baltimore and Ohio east of the Ohio River: 1892 to 1894, general manager of the Eric division of the New York, Lake Eric and Western: 1894 to 1897, president of the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill, and 1897 to the present time, president of the Lehigh Valley.

M'CULLAGH MAN BADLY BEATEN.

in a Year-Condition Serious. Leser Bennett, a McCullagh deputy, was attacked at the Bowery and First street, yesterday morning, by a gang of ruffians, who knocked him down with a billy and then trod on his face with their heavy shoes. He struggled to his feet and ran Into a mooting gallery at 309 Bowery, where he seized enough firearms to put his assail-

ants to flight.

At Bellevue Hospital it was found that Bennett had a scalp wound, a broken jaw and a crushed-in face. His condition is After the last Mayoralty election Bennett

Cutner and was in Bellevue for three

"Intestors Read the Wall Street Journal." The 20th Century Limited. one of eight daily trains between New York and Chicage via the New York Central lines. A com-archedity service. -- Adv.

PRINCESS SALM SALM'S LOSS. Her Nephew, Frederick C. Johnson, Dis appears on His Way Home.

VINELAND, N. J., Nov. 19 .- Detective agencies in Europe are endeavoring to discover the whereabouts of Frederick C Johnson, son of Col. Edmond Johnson, agement of the Company Given as the one of Vineland's wealthiest citizens, and nephew of the Princess Agnes Salm Salm of Bonn, Prussia, who mysteriously disappeared nearly three months ago. Young Johnson was a dental student at the Uni versity of Pennsylvania, but for eight months had been studying at the Darmstadt University.

Johnson is 20 years old. The Princess, who is childless, took charge of him when he was 2 years old. About five years ago he rejoined his parents at Vineland. At ! he request of his aunt, he went back to Germany last March.

On Sept. 1 last Johnson started from Bonn for Vineland and that is the last his relatives know of his movements. The Princess Salm Salm learned that a Frederick C. Johnson engaged passage at Antwerp for this country, but that the steamer sailed without him. His baggage was found still unpacked and untouched at Antwerp.

When Johnson left the home of his aunt he had more than \$1,000 in cash in his

pockets, so foul play is feared. His father, Col. Johnson, was for many rears in the United States Consular service in Europe, and his brother, Felix S. S. Johnson, is now a United States Consul in Canada.

SAYS MANY WERE KILLED. Another Story of the Guatemalan Erup-

tion-76 Dead Indians in One Place. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19 - Contradictors stories continue to come regarding the effect of the recent volcanic eruption in Guatemala. Passengers arriving here from the west coast of Guatemala assert that many lives were lost, while those from the east coast arriving at New Orleans say that no one was killed, though some plantations were buried under a rain of

Some refugees from the stricken district arrived here to-day on the steamer City of Para. They report the stories of property damage already told, and assert that many Indians did lose their lives, though their information comes second hand. Mrs. Juanita Bardwell, who arrived with her three children, says:

"I know of one instance where seventysix Indians met with such a fate. I did not see them, but I have the story from Julian Galvez, a neighbor, who discovered them. Galvez was returning to his plantation at Chuva from a visit to Quezaltenango. He was accompanied by twenty others. They started on Saturday, the first day of the eruption. Before they had covered many miles they got into the thick of the volcanic rain and all but three turned back. On the road between San Martin and Chuva these men came across a long line of packs and sticks belonging to Indians, and an investigation showed Galvez that there was an Indian buried in the dust and ashes at the foot of each stick. The Indians were proceeding along the road in single file when they were overcome by the shower of débris. They stuck their sticks in the ground, put down their packs and were

There were seventy-six. "Many other people met their fate in this way and many were killed or crushed under falling roofs and buildings. I heard of no white people, either Guatemalans or Americans, meeting with death, but from all information obtainable I am led to believe that there was a heavy loss of life, probably reaching somewhere between 2,000 and

NO FELIX CAMPBELL WILL?

None Has Been Found, Though He Left Over #5.000,000.

Although ex-Congressman Felix Camp bell of Brooklyn, president of the People's Trust Company, has been dead nearly two weeks, no will of his has been presented for probate, nor has there been any appli cation to the Surrogate for letters of ad ministration on his estate, which is variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000. It was generally supposed that Mr. Camp-

bell had made a will, but it is now said that a careful search among his papers has failed to disclose such a document and that his family believe that none will be found. Until a week before his death Mr. Campbell was in excellent health and was just as active in his business affairs as he

been for many years. Three days before his death he seemed to be rapidly recovering from the attack of acute indigestion with which he was prostrated. Then pleuropneumonia supervened and caused a rapid

Lawyer William H. Good, Mr. Campbell's son-in-law, refused last night to say whether his father-in-law had made a will or not or whether application for letters of adminis tration would soon be made. Mr. Campbell left a widow and four daughters, all of whom are unmarried with the exception of Mrs. Good. He also left two brothers one of whom is former Police Superin tendent Patrick Campbell, and a sister There is no expectation of any legal con troversy over the disposition of the estate. Close friends of Mr. Campbell believe that he made a will and that it will turn up sooner or later. They also say that there can be no doubt that the estate is in excess of \$5,000,000, as it is known that Mr. Camp bell had an income of \$75,000 a year when he was first elected to Congress, over twenty years ago, and it grew greater as

years went by. W. F. SHEEHAN ILL.

Former Lieutenant-Governor Has Gone

to South Carolina for His Health. Former Lieut.-Gov. William Francis Sheehan has gone to South Carolina for his health. He expects to be absent until Jan. 1. Mr. Sheehan's health began to fail last August on his return from Europe. He had been working overtime, and at the meeting of the Democratic State Committee at Saratoga in August he looked almost frail.

Want Jamleson to Succeed Hitchcock. CHICAGO, Nov. 19 .- Acting on the rumor

that Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock is soon to resign from President Roosevelt's Cabinet, local Republicans are men-tioning T. N. Jamieson as a likely candidate to succeed him. The argument that they are advancing is that Illinois is entitled to representation in the Cabinet, and that Mr. Jamieson is equipped to fill the duties of Secretary of the Interior.

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TRAP FOR BLACKMAILERS

FOUR MEN NABBED IN THE NIHILIST LETTERS CASE.

One of Them Had Been Asking for Mail in the Name Given by the Blackmatters Prisoners Held in Jersey City-The

Detective William Prescott of Jersey City arrested, in Hoboken yesterday afternoon, four Germans who are believed by the police to belong to a gang of self-styled "Russian Nihilists," who have been sending letters to wealthy men in this city and Jersey City demanding loans of money on pain of death.

The prisoners describe themselves as years old, of 152 Greenwich street, Manhattan; Fritz Seeber, 24 years old, of 355 Becker, 39 years old, of 152 Greenwich street, Manhattan. They were taken to Police Headquarters in Jersey City and locked up in the city prison on a chage of attempting to obtain money under false

pretences. A ship's carpenter named William Becker was arrested at the Post Office in this city last Thursday when he called for mail addressed to C. C. Morton, to whom several New Yorkers, who had received threatening letters, were directed to send money The letters were similar to letters received by Cappel Rubens and O. H. Van Ojen, wholesale grocers in Jersey City, commanding them to send \$500 each in an envelope addressed to A. H. Ysop, General Delivery, Hoboken Post Office.

Police Chief Murphy of Jersey City sen a decoy letter to the Hoboken Post Office and awaited developments. A young man, who was recognized yesterday as Strubel, made inquiries for mail directed to Ysop. He explained that he did not want to take Ysop's letters away with him, but simply desired to oblige a man who requested him find out if his mail had arrived.

Chief Murphy received a telephone mes sage from Postmaster Edward Martin yesterday afternoon, saving that a registered letter had been received for Strubel He asked the chief to send a detective over to nab the young man when he called. Detective Prescott got to the post office ten minutes ahead of Strubel.

Strubel is a smooth-faced German, with light complexion. He has a decided limp. One of his legs is shorter than the other. Strubel did not get his letter and left the post office in disgust. Prescott following close behind. At the Hoboken ferry the young man joined three other men. who are now in custody

Prescott let them talk together for a ew minutes and then placed them all der arrest. They didn't act like bloodirsty Nihilists, but submitted after or two faint-hearted efforts to break

They were taken to Chief Murphy's office where the chief took Strubel in hand and estloned him for over an hour. Struied any knowledge of a "Nihilist" or racy to extort money by blackmail. iracy to extort money by blackmail. He said he was a ship's cook who cam to this country the month that President McKinley died. He had visited Tampa, Baltimore at r Southern cities and had returned ope in September. He came back teen days ago and had been in this city

He declared that his father was chief of police of one of the boroughs of Hamburg. Germany, a statement which, Chief Murphy ys, has been confirmed by a man in

Hoboken.

He denied that he had ever met the other

Strubel said He denied that he had ever met the other prisoners before yesterday. Strubel said that one day last week he met a man coming off a ferryboat who asked him to go to the Hoboken Post Office and get a letter for A. H. Ysop, writing the name on the business card of a café in Baltimore.

Strubel willingly gave Chief Murphy a sample of his writing, which, the chief said, bore a strong resemblance to the writing on the card.

The threatening letter which was sent to

The threatening letter which was sent to appel Rubens of 213 New York avenue, ersey City, said that the Russian Nihilists wanted him to help them out with \$500 for

"Don't be afraid that you will lose your money." said the letter. "There is no risk, for the Nihilists have money enough (on the other side), and don't need to keep yours. If you don't do exactly as we want poison all you love and you at last in e terriblest and cruelest way with our cretful East Indian poison. Excuse that we talk so cruel, but we mean it, for we picked you out with a gamble."

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Mr. Rubens was also warned that the
Nihillsts were "cruel and very devilish
if somebody works against them."

Mr. Rubens and Mr. Van Ojen sent their
letters, which were signed "Kempenski
Chief," to Chief Murphy. Many words in
the letters were underscored with red
ink

Chief Murphy said last night that he believed he had a good case against Strubel. He hopes also to work up a strong case

The Jersey City police notified Capt. Titus of Strubel's Manhattan address and Detective Sergeant Illich went up to the First avenue house last night. He found that Strubel had spent Monday and Tuesday nights with a Pfalcer family who live there. Mrs. Pfalcer told Illich that she came. Mrs. Pfalcer told Illich that she ca here on the steamship Patricia of the Ham burg-American Line which arrived Oct 30 and that on the trip she met Strubel, who was working in the ship's pantry Strubel, she said, came to her house on Monday night and asked for a furnished room He got it. She said that he went to Hoboken yesterday morning, saying that he was going to look for a job.

KNOX TO FIGHT BEEF COMBINE Forming a New Combination.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.-Although no official of the Department of Justice will make any statement on the subject, it is weil understood that Attorney-General Knox is prepared to check any movement which the beef packers of Chicago may make toward forming a new combination of interests.

It is believed by many persons that any attempt on the part of the packers to effect in a legal way the ends which they were last summer prevented from effecting would meet with a charge of contempt of court. Last May the United States Circuit ourt for the Northern District of Illinois granted an injunction against the beef packers, who were charged by the Gov-ernment with being engaged in practices in

violation of law It is the belief of certain officials of the department of Justice that the packers could certainly lay themselves liable to a charge of contempt of court should they attempt now to effect an organization of which the purpose is to legalize the very practices which, under the old organization, they are prohibited from courts. they are prohibited from carrying on.

Investors Read the Wall Street Journal.

Letters May Be Dictated to the Official Stenographer on the Pennsylvania Special, the 20-hour train to Chicago. Ada

BLUE HERON STOPS TROLLEYS. Short-Circuited the Wires and Suspended

Trame in the Mohawk Valley.

UTICA, Nov. 19.—The local trolley system was put out of business for five hours last night as the result of a peculiar incident A large blue heron alighted on a wire carrying power from the Trenton Falls station to one of the local sub-stations of the Utics and Mohawk Valley Railroad Company, Threats They Used to Fxtort Money. and shortly thereafter the bird's bill came in contact with another wire. Immediately the current was cross-circuited, the fuses at the sub power station burned out the wires broke, the power stopped and the 22,000 volts that the wires carried

wrought havoe with the bird. Scores of trolley cars on the city and suburban lines were stalled, and for five hours, or until the cause of the mischief was discovered and the damage repaired, Botho Strubel, 17 years old, of 1626 First was discovered and the damage repaired, avenue, Manhattan; Jacob Ganbetz, 26 all electric traffic in the Mohawk valley was suspended. The trolley company sus tained considerable loss as a result of the Van Brunt street, Brooklyn, and Fred bird's prank. A somewhat similar incident occurred two years ago when a cat short-circuited the wires

1,000-FOOT PIERS NOW.

War Department Under Secretary Root Inclined to Accede to City's Wish.

Dock Commissioner Hawkes and William Cary Sanger, Assistant Secretary of War, had a conference yesterday upon the extension of the harbor line in the North River so as to allow the building of piers 1,000 feet long at certain points. Mr. Hawkes has been working for the revision of the limit beyond which piers may not be built, but, so far, the War Dapartment has refused to sanction his propositions. Yes terday Mr. Sanger, it is understood, told the Commissioner that the Department

was inclined to recede from its attitude. Mr. Sanger also told Commissioner Hawkes that within a few days Secretary Root himself would come to the city to make a personal inspection of the river front and to acquaint himself more thoroughly with the plans of the Dock Commissioner.

AFTER 2,393 YEARS Persia Resumes Diplomatic Relations With

Greece. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ATHENS, Nov. 19.-The announcement hat Ibraham Khan Dovleti had been appointed Persian Ambassador to the Helenic court is more interesting than at first appears. Since Darius, in the year 491 C., sent heralds to Athens to demand earth and water as symbols of submission no Persian Ambassador has been sent to Athens

Now diplomatic relations are about to be esumed, after a lapse of 2,393 years. The event will be celebrated with an imposing coremony. The Ambassador will soon a rive here to present his credentials.

MR. CARNEGIE BETTER. Physician Reported Itim to Be Much In proved Yesterday.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Nov. 19 .- Andrew Carnegie, who s ill of ptomaine poisoning at the Langham Hotel, is much better to-day.

BROOKLYN TUNNEL JOB LET. Andrew Onderdonk Gets the Rapid Transit Sub-River Contract.

The contract for the boring of the tun nel under the East River, to connect the land subways of the underground railroad extension from Manhattan to Brooklyn, was awarded yesterday by the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company to An drew Onderdonk. As in the case of the contracts let last week for the construction f the subways in Manhattan and in Brookyn, the figures of the bid were not disclosed. Mr. Onderdonk will also have the contract for the building of a two-track loop at Bowl-

ing Green.

Mr. Onderdonk was one of the bidders in 1900 for the contract for the Manhattan subway, which was secured by John B. McDonald. He offered to build the railroad for \$39,300,000, while Mr. McDonald's bid was \$35,000,000. Prior to 1880 Mr. Onrdonk was engaged as a contractor for harbor improvements in San Francisco Between 1880 and 1885 be built 400 miles of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in British Columbia. Subsequently he secured contracts for the laying of railroads in various parts of Canada and South America and at present he is carrying out the contract for the widening and deepening of the east channel in New York harbor.

SICKED THE DOG ON O'HANLON. Three Small Boys Resent an Allusie the Color of Their Hair.

Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon went to he Harlem Hospital yesterday and then across the yard to the little morgue in the rear to make an autopsy. On his way o the morgue he passed three little redheaded boys and chanted at them:

"Oh, Redney Bucks, that married the When Dr. O'Hanlon came out of the

ducks and the ducks died!" norgue the three little red-headed boys were till there, reënforced by a crooked-legged buildeg with projecting teeth. The boys building with projecting teem. The boys held the dog in a leash and didn't say anything to the doctor. When he got clear from the morgue, however, they let the dog loose and yelled, "Sic hin!"

Dr. O'Hanlon is not thin and seldom does anything hurriedly, but yesterday he sprinted over a wall and into his buggy before the dog could reach him.

before the dog could reach him.
"That dog's teeth had been filed to a sharp point," said Dr. O'Hanlon, "and I'm sure he meant every point for me. But those boys were real sports to let me get a fair start."

TO MEASURE STREET CLEANERS. Col. Ogden's Board Will Try Bertillor System to Stop Imposture.

The Civil Service Commissioners for the last few weeks have been investigating cases of substitution among the sweepers the Street Cleaning Department. It has been learned that there is a prac-

tice among the sweepers who have passed the examination of the Labor Bureau of selling their cards to men who have been rejected by the bureau or who are not qualified to enter the examination.

It is believed that this species of fraud has been going on for a long time and that there are scores of men now in the pay of the department who obtained their jobs by buying the cards of other men.

The Commissioners took store vested as

The Commissioners took steps yesterday whereby they hope to put an end to the system. Hereafter every street sweeper whereby they hope to put an end to the system. Hereafter every street sweeper certified to the department will be measured by the Bertillon method and the measure-ments will be stamped on the card given to him. The cards with the necessary spaces for these details are being printed and will be issued at the beginning of next

Women Nature's Logicians

Praise SOZODONT. Men do well to emulate their
example. The liquid cleans. Powder polishes.

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SAYS MANSFIELD STRUCK HIM.

THE ACTOR'S STAGE MANAGER COMPLAINS OF ASSAULT.

Rung the Midnight Bell in the Tent Scene of "Julius Cmsar" Too Fast-Charges That Mr. Mansfield Became Enraged and Hit Him Violently-Threatens Suit.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 19 .- Thomas J. Yore, who for thirteen years has been chief property man and assistant stage manager for Richard Mansfield, is no longer with the actor. He is at the Gerdes Hotel nursing a sore spot and several bumps on his head, and he says Mansfield is responsible for the bumps and sore places.

It is asserted that at the close of the tent scene in the fourth act of "Julius Casar" last night Mr. Mansfield became enraged at some error he said Yore had made, and struck him five times on the head with something that hurt so much that Yore thinks the actor used an instrument harder than his hand. Then, not satisfied with the punishment already inflicted, Mr. Mansfield, he says, snatched from his hand a heavy roll of parchment and, throwing it at him cut open the left side of his face and black ened his eye. Yore avoided further punishment, packed up and left the theatre. thereby causing Mr. Mansfield to select some one else to finish Yore's work for the

rest of the performance. Yore said to-day that one of his duties during the tent scene is to strike the bell. denoting the hour of midnight. It seems according to Yore's statement, that Mr. Mansfield thought he struck the bell too rapidly, causing the scene to be speiled. Another incident that added to Mr. Mansfield's ire, Yore says, was a mistake made by Alfred Mansfield, the actor's nephew. who has only recently come from England and joined the company. Alfred Mans-field is supposed to draw the curtain of the tent twice during the scene. Instead he drew it three times.

At the close of the scene Mansfield, then

thoroughly enraged, ran at his nephew, Yore says, and would undoubtedly have dealt violently with him if Yore had not rushed between the men and restrained the actor. Mr. Mansfield then turned to Yore and proceeded to vent his anger on him.

After the trouble Mr. Mansfield ordered
Yore out and he went to the dressing room put on his street clothes and left the theatre To-day he consulted Attorneys Shay and Cogan to ascertain what legal redress be would have against the actor for the assault As a result suit for damages will probably be filed.

When the matter was discussed among the theatre stage force to-day it was said that there was absolutely no assault or anything that suggested assault or violence on the part of Mr. Mansfield. A person who witnessed the affair said:

on the part of Mr. Mansfield. A person who witnessed the affair said:

"You must be joking. When Mr. Mansfield emerged from the tent scene he held a small leaflet in his hand, and as he passed to his dressing room he saw Yore, who had tapped the bell too fast, standing near. Mr. Mansfield stopped and light.

tapped the bell too fast, standing near. Mr. Mansfield stopped and, lightly—yes, lightly—tapping Yore on his forehead rapidly, twelve times as rapidly as Yore had tapped the gong, asked: 'Did you ever hear a clock strike that fast?' "That is all there was to that 'terrible assault.' I think it a poor way to repay Mr. Mansfield for what he has done for Yore in his time."

TOM JOHNSON'S TAX PLAN, POOR! New York Taxers Come Back From Cleve-

land Unimpressed. President John L. Wells of the Tax Board, who with other members of the department has been in Cleveland looking into the system of tax assessments in that city

returned to New York yesterday. Mr. Wells selected Cleveland for his investigations because of the advanced methods of municipal government supposed to have been instituted in that city by Mayor

From the little Mr. Wells was willing to say yesterday of his observations it appears that New York has nothing to learn from Cleveland. Mr. Wells brought back with him photographs of ornate brick and stone houses assessed at \$4,000 and of primitive-looking frame dwellings assessed at \$10,000. Mr. Wells said that his belief that the full valuation plan was the only fair method of fixing assessments on real property was

\$125,000 TO HEBREW HOME. Given by Children of Leonard Lewisohn

875.000 More Be Raised by June. At the annual meeting of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society in the Temple Emanu-El last night it was announced that the children of the late Leonard Lewisohn had contributed unconditionally \$50,000 toward the institution's building fund and

\$75,000 more on condition that an additional \$75,000 be received before June 1. Before the meeting closed \$5,000 had been offered toward the necessary \$75,000.

In the last year the institution has been unable tooks in any more addition. unable to take in any more children owing to its already crowded condition. Efforts will be made to complete the building fund—toward which the report says further contributions of about \$400,000 will required so that a new home may built without delay. The institution w

buy a large area in the upper part of the city for a site. The budget for the last year showed deficit, the total income being \$3.816.69 and the expenses \$115.714.14, and appeals were made for more liberal contributions.

After the reading of the report addresses were made by Isaac Wallach, president of

Sinai Hospital, Edward Lauterbach JERSEY CENTRAL WAGES UP Will Be Paid

General Manager Bessler issued the following announcement yesterday regardng the wage increase on the Jersey Central Railroad:

"The management of the Jersey Central intends that its employees shall be treated as well as those of its neighbors, and where recent increases made by railroads in this territory make the average rate of wages higher than those paid by the Jersey Cen-tral the wages of such classes of its employees will be equalized to meet the pre-vailing rates paid."

It has not yet been decided when the increase will go into effect, nor has the

management computed the number of men BRIDGE LOOPS CONTRACT LET. Work Will Begin Soon-Trolley Trame Will Not Be Interrupted.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has awarded the contract for the work of installing the four additional loops and making the necessary changes at the Mannattan end of the bridge to the American Bridge Company.

The work will begin in a couple of weeks and will be completed within four or five

During its progress the trolley traffic on the bridge will not be interpreted. "Investors Read the near Journal."

200 BURNED TO DEATH. Russian Town Wiped Out With Great Los of Life.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, Nov. 19.-The famous trading town of Resht, Persia, has been

It is known that 200 persons perished, and it is believed that many more have lost their lives.

Many warehouses, containing valuable stores, were destroyed.

MARCONI TELLS OF SUCCESS. Wireless Messages Have Been Received Across the Atlantic.

appear to be worth 10 cents on the dollar. SYDNEY, C. B., Nov. 19. - Signor Marconi to-day confirmed the report that the cruiser Carlo Alberto had been in constant communication by wireless telegraphy with the Marconi station at Poldhu, Cornwall, on All of the assets save \$15,000 have disapher voyage across the Atlantic, and that a peared, where or how is a mystery. message had been received by him on board the Carlo Alberto while the cruiser lav in Sydney harbor.

FRANCE NOT CONVINCED. Doubts Practicability of Wireless Telegraphy, Except at Sea.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, Nov. 19. -It is announced that the French Government is of the opinion that | day and has not been seen since. George the practicability of wireless telegraphy, ex- B. Langley, president of the association cept for use at sea, has not yet been demonstrated. The French Government will Howell a deed of trust to himself and two permit the installation of a wireless system only under its own control.

VANDERBILT AUTO MAN NABBED He'll Have to Stand Trial at Jamaica for

Exceeding the Speed Limit. Mason Crocker, chauffeur for Reginald Vanderbilt, is to appear at Special Sesons in Jamaica next Toesday to answer a charge of running Mr. Vanderbilt's auto at a rate exceeding the eight miles an hour prescribed for travel, within the city. The offence is said to have been committed in Jamaica several weeks ago, but the matter was kept quiet by the police.

Tuesday, but the case was postponed. He was admitted to bail in \$500. Crocker says the machine was not travel ling at more than seven miles an hour when he was arrested by a patrolman of the Seventy-eighth precinct. He was on his way to meet Mr. Vanderbilt at Port Wash-

Crocker was to have had a hearing last

CENTRE OF POPULATION. Monument Put Up in Bartholomew County

Ind., to Mark the Spot. RICHMOND, Ind., Nov. 19 - The monument to mark the centre of population of the United States was placed in position to-day in Bartholomew county. A large crowd of farmers from surrounding towns met early this morning to witness the cere-

The monument bears the simple inscription: "Centre of Population, 1900." It is in an out-of-the way place and a marker has been erected which will direct travellers to the spot.

JAMES STILLMAN GIVES \$100,000.

fessorship in Comparative Anatomy. Boston, Nov. 19 .- James Stillman of New York, who has already made some noteworthy gifts to Harvard University, supplemented them this week by a gift of \$100,000 for the endowment of a professor ship in comparative anatomy. Last year Mr. Stillman gave to the college the Stillman Infirmary, intended for the use of

such students of Harvard as may become The professorship endowment was ac pted formally to-day at a special meeting of the board of overseers of Harvard.

ANOTHER SCHOOL STRIKE. The Chicago Idea Spreads to the North

Side in That City. CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—The school strike fever has spread to the North Side. This afternoon two policemen from the Sheffield avenue station were hurried to the George Schneider School to quell a disturbance among a number of refractory boys. It was reported to the police that the boys efused to enter the school building at noon

The cause for the outbreak is attributed to the general strike idea existing among

pupils of public schools. MANY CHURCHES UNSANITARY Changes Ordered by the Health Board

in Twenty-five Buildings. The Department of Health has jus completed an inspection of 196 churches in the borough of Manhattan. Unsanitary and prepared to tar and feather him. The ers to order the faults removed or reme-It was only in the churches in the extreme East and West sides that unsanitary con-

ditions were found. AGAINST JIM CROW STREET CARS. New Orleans Court Decides the New Law

I neonstitutional. NEW OBLEANS, Nov. 19. The City Criminal Court to-day decided the Jim Crow Car law, separating the races in the street cars, unconstitutional, as it compelled the conductors to decide which passengers were white and which colored, and this was not within their province and power.

The law has been in operation only fifteen days during which time it has given a great deal of trouble and has been repeatedly and openly violated. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court.

CRITICISES BISHOP POTTER.

Evangelist Objects to Statement That Saloon Is All Right as "Poor Man's Club." Hilton, the evangelist, denounced vehemently at the First Presbyterian Church last night Bishop Potter's statement that the saloon was all right as "the poor man's "Such a man," said the Major, "is not called of God to preach such things, but of Major Hilton is preaching to great crowds

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Pennsylvania Railroad Company Announces that commencing November 21st the station at Harrison, N. J., will be temporarily abandoned, sale of tickets and stopping of trains will be discontinued.—Adr.

\$100,000 VANISHED IN JERSEY

CRASH OF MILLVILLE BUILDING FUND-POOR FOLKS IN IT.

Shares Have Been at a Premium and Paying 5 Per Cent. Now the Directors Discover \$105,000 Liabilities and Only

\$15,000 in Assets Secretary Gone. MILLVILLE, N. J., Nov. 19 .- As a result disclosures made at a meeting of the stockholders of the Millville Building Association this afternoon, the stock which for the last ten years has paid 5 per cent. dividends and which was selling last Saturday at a premium of about 5 per cent. does not

tion who have been instrumental in making the city what it is, acknowledged at the meeting liabilities of more than \$105,000. After a thorough investigation of the ooks and methods covering two weeks.

no specific charges can be made. Yet it

The officers and directors of the institu

is certain to-night that widows and orphans, business men and local municipal institutions have lost nearly \$100,000. In many cases these were the savings of a lifetime. Richard L. Howell, who has been secretary of the association since 1874 the date of its incorporation, disappeared last Mondeclared to-day that he had received from

\$30,000, but it contained no word of explanation. At the meeting it was announced that the ncome of the association for the last two years had been about \$12,000 when it should

of his associate directors to the extent of

ave been \$33,000. The only explanation offered for the deficit was that the methods of the bookkeeping had permitted the secretary to receive large sums of money paid on account of the principal of outstanding mortgages and to use such sums in paying dividends to the stockholders. Thus for many years dividends had been paid to them from the principal of their investments instead of heir earnings.

COLLEGE SCRAP STOPS THE CARS.

It Was Merely & Little Mix-Up With Paint . Cans Between Columbia Classes. A mix-up between the sophomores and freshmen classes at Columbia stopped the Amsterdam avenue cars for a while yester-

day afternoon and sent many youths home with their faces and clothes covered with red and blue paint on Tuesday night the sophomores painted their class numerals on the South Field fence with figures of lobsters and "naughtysicks" labels expressing their contempt for the freshmen. While the football game between the freshmen and Horace Mann School was in progress on South Field yesterday a band of freshmen, led by B. Corn, an oarsman, appeared with cans of red and blue paint and proceeded to obligerate the choraces signs.

to obliterate the obnoxious signs.

The second year men spied the painters and, headed by Webster Benham, the class football captain, swooped down on the freshmen. The paint flew in all directions, covering freshmen and sophomores alike. struggling mass moved to Amsterda avenue, blocking the cars for some time A truce was at last arranged until to-morrow, when the two classes meet in their annual football game.

"STARVATION CURE" KILLS.

Minneapolis Woman Dies After Fasting Thirty-nine Days. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 19.-Mrs. Gertrude Young is dead after fasting thirtynine days. She was taking the starvation treatment for relief from the effects of an

Mrs. Young had not been in good health

for several years, and about a year ago

apoplectic stroke.

she had a stroke. In about three months she was able to go about the house and do her own work, but one foot and one arm were still crippled. She consulted various physicians and finally called upon one of the Mrs. Young started on the course of Mrs. 1 oung started on the course of fasting and got along nicely until about a week ago, when she was seized with a fit of voniting. A physician was summoned and he advised that she break her fast. Her friends decided that as the course of treatment was nearly completed she should continue it until the forty days were ended.

were ended.

Coroner Williams was called and investigated the case. He says he will at once begin legal action against the so-called fast-cure doctors.

WHITECAPS IN LESTERSHIRE. They Take an Aged Man From His Ber

and Prepare to Tar and Feather Him. masked Whitecaps marched through the streets of the village of Lestershire last night and took Edwin T. Park, a wealthy land owner, who is 65 years of age, from his bed conditions, bad enough to cause the inspec- | visit of the Whitecaps was hastened by the charge that Park had turned his wife out of doors to take in a housekeeper. Park denies this, saying that his wife left him voluntarily and his housekeeper did not

another woman who lived with them.

The Whitecaps marched through the principal street with torches, and when Park was taken from his home he struggled to be free and shouted for help. This brought the two women to the rescue and they made study a vice was taken from the control of the cont they made such a vigorous attack on the regulators that the men fled. Park has taken legal steps against his assailants, who are said to include some of the leading

NAVAL OFFICERS ARRESTED. Charged With Being Disorderly at a Thea

tre in Norfolk NORFOLE, Va., Nov. 19. Paymaster George T. Seibel and Lieut. W. C. Davidson, United States Navy, both of the training ship Alliance, now at this navy yard. were arrested at the Academy of Music here to-night, one upon the charge of being drunk and the other for interrupting a

drunk and the other for interrupting a performance of William A. Brady's "Pretty Peggy" with Miss Grace George in the leading rôle.

The two officers were in the first row of the balcony and their conduct became so objectionable to the audience that the manager of the theatre protested. When ushers were sent to the men they were abused. They were arrested by Chief M. J. Vallines of the Police Department and Detectives Snowden and West, who were in the audience. They became abusive and were sent to police head-quarters. quarters.

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